

gathering rate on August 1, 1997, the agreed-upon expiration dated under the Docket No. RP93-187 settlement, Equitrans proposes a shortened suspension period, whereby the tendered tariff sheets will become effective, on a subject-to-refund basis, on August 1, 1997.

Equitrans states that copies of this rate filing were served on Equitrans' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20046, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining appropriate action, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Shell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-153-002]

Granite State Gas Transmission Inc.; Notice of Compliance Tariff Filing

May 5, 1997.

Take notice that on May 1, 1997, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) filed Second Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 289 in its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, to comply with the requirements of Order No. 587-C issued March 4, 1997, adopting additional standard business practices published by the Gas Industry Standards Board. Granite State proposes to make the revised tariff sheet effective June 1, 1997.

Granite State further states that copies of its filing have been served on its firm and interruptible customers, on the regulatory agencies of the states of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire and the intervenor in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of Granite State's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2609]

International Paper Company and Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company L.P.; Notice of Availability of Study Results and Request for Additional Studies

May 5, 1997.

International Paper Company and Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company L.P. are currently engaged in the process of obtaining from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) a new operating license for the Curtis/Palmer Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2609). The current license for the project is due to expire on April 30, 2000. The project is located on the Hudson River in the Village of Corinth and the Towns of Corinth, Lake Luzerne and Hadley, in Saratoga and Warren Counties, New York. Under the Commission's Regulations, an application for licensing for the project must be filed by April 30, 1998. International Paper Company is managing relicensing activities in cooperation with a team of state and federal resource agencies, conservation groups and local governments (the Cooperative Team).

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Commission's regulations, Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company L.P. and International Paper Company intend to prepare a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) as part of the license application, to be filed with the Commission for the project. Public scoping meetings were held on January 10, 1996 and February 8, 1996 to identify the scope of environmental issues and alternatives that should be analyzed in the DEA.

Based on information contained in Scoping Document 1 and comments received from resource agencies and other interested parties during the scoping meetings and comment period, the Cooperative Team prepared study plans to address issues raised during the scoping process and published them in Scoping Document 2. Study plans were subsequently finalized and studies were undertaken throughout the spring, summer, and fall of 1996. The majority of the study reports were completed and published as Volume 1 Study Reports. During the period from January 31, 1997 until March 3, 1997, the Volume I Reports were available for public review and comment. Those reports not included in Volume 1 have been completed and compiled as Volume 2 Study Reports. The Volume 2 Reports will be available for public review from May 5, 1997 until June 6, 1997 at the International Paper Administration Building at the Hudson River Mill on Pine Street in Corinth, New York. The Volume 2 Reports will also be available in the Corinth Town Office at 600 Palmer Avenue in Corinth, New York and in the Commissions Public Reference Room at 888 First Street N.E. in Washington, D.C. The public is invited to review these documents and to file comments on the adequacy of these studies in addressing issues raised during scoping. Comments on these studies and requests for any additional studies are due by June 6, 1997.

Because Section 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's Regulations has been waived as to time frame for requesting additional studies, we are requesting that if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the project on its merit, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person file a request for any such study with the Secretary of the Commission at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 by June 6, 1997 and serve a copy of the request on Mr. Robert McK. Hunziker, International Paper Company, Two Manhattanville Road, Purchase, NY 10577 and Mr. Andrew Sims, Kleinschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967. Any comments or recommendations for further study should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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